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***Response to Amendment***

1. The amendment(s), filed on 10/15/2008, have not been entered because the amendments require further consideration and/or search. Claims 1, 3, and 5-8 are pending.

***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments filed 10/15/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant asserts that Kidono do not teach, disclose or suggest "wherein each pixel defect within the first pixel defect information corresponds to a pixel defect within the second pixel defect information," as recited in claim 1. The Examiner respectfully disagrees. The Applicant did not explain why Kidono does not teach that particular limitation of claim 1. Instead, the Applicant provides an explanation as to what Kidono does teach and then asserts that Kubota, as well as Kidono, does not teach that the "correction unit corrects the pixel defect by interpolating the defective pixel by using the pixel data & upper, lower, left and right pixels having the same color filter". The amendment(s), filed on 10/15/2008, have not been entered because the amendments require further consideration and/or search. Accordingly, the Examiner respectfully maintains rejection to pending claims 1, 3, and 5-8.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carramah J. Quiett whose telephone number is (571)272-7316. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00 M-F.

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